

## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/June 5-15, 2003

US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)-Minor items remain.

<u>SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-38)-</u>On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 9-11, crews will be performing prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Adams County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with some delays.

<u>SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)</u>-Guardrail and other work items will be underway on this highway resurfacing and guardrail update project north of Kettle Falls in Stevens County. Motorists should expect short delays with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic around the work.

SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)-Work is underway on this bridge rail replacement project. A traffic barrier in the center of the bridge and temporary traffic signal are in place. Bridge traffic is reduced to one 12 foot lane and controlled by the traffic light. Motorists should use caution and can expect short delays as oncoming traffic crosses the bridge. (Wide loads will be advised of detour routes as part of their over legal permit process.) SPEED LIMIT ALERT: There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project. Motorists are required to slow down in this area.

<u>I-90/Salnave Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)-</u>Work is underway with shoulder and median items on the schedule. Motorists should expect possible lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Some intermittent rock blasting work will also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

NEW!! HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Latah Creek Bridge Inspections (MP 280)-WSDOT crews will be performing the routine, biennial inspection of this structure on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10 and 11. On Tuesday, June 10 from about 9:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m., crews will be working on the eastbound bridge structure. Eastbound I-90 will be reduced to two through lanes during this work with the crew working in the right lane. All on and off ramps will be open. Eastbound motorists should be alert for this lane restriction and especially cautious near the US 195 eastbound on ramp to I-90. Eastbound drivers should also expect congestion and slow traffic near the base of the Sunset Hill. On Wednesday, June 11, from about 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the crew will be working on the westbound bridge structure. Westbound I-90 will be reduced to two lanes during this work with the crew working in the right lane. All on and off ramps will remain open. Westbound motorists in downtown Spokane should be alert for this lane restriction especially in the vicinity of the Maple Street, westbound on-ramp. Westbound drivers should expect slow traffic and congestion in this area.

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NEW!! I-90/Eastbound Trent-Hamilton Off Ramp Sign Repairs (MP 282)-On Monday, June 9, beginning at about 8:30 a.m. to possibly 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be working on an overhead sign in the <u>eastbound</u> off ramp lanes. The sign is located between the Division <u>eastbound</u> on ramp and the Trent/Hamilton <u>eastbound</u> double lane off ramp. All ramps and freeway through lanes will remain open. Division Street <u>eastbound</u> on ramp traffic should be prepared to merge onto the mainline prior to reaching the work zone. Trent/Hamilton <u>eastbound</u> off ramp traffic will be able to exit the mainline just after the work zone. No delays expected.

**SR 174/Grant County Line to Wilbur (MP 24-41)-**On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, June 11-13, crews will be performing prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Lincoln County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with some delays.

HIGH IMPACT!! US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)- Work is now underway on this surface rehabilitation project south of Spokane. The work is in the southbound lanes only. Pavement work is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites where new concrete sections are being poured and curing. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites. SPEED LIMIT ALERT: On southbound US 195 at the railroad bridge near Spangle, traffic will be reduced to one lane with a reduction in the legal speed limit to 45 mph. (MP 82.0-81.3). Motorists are required to slow down in this area.

<u>SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge (MP 0.4-0.6)</u>- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

<u>US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)</u>-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

<u>US 395/Colville (MP 230)</u>-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing additional an turning lane, driveway access, and lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8<sup>th</sup> Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.